

Manitou the Mt. Spire

Yellowstone Park

18th Aug

making a rest day - may be tho
a little out of order in the
digestion arrangement; & will
have to wear this in the
without the glasses - I shall
stay with you more of our
stay when we rest at Montreal
I was invited to the house
of Dr. Hingsley 57 Union Avenue.
I suppose that you & Mrs Gray will
also be lodged with some of your
friends -

In haste
E. J. Young

Wm. Bull

I suppose that a botanical notebook
like you has used of the herbarium
that falls to your humble brother
I often work till 10 past 11 sometimes till
one & am up again at 5 -

My dear Gray I have had my hair
so full especially in drying my plants,
that I have hardly had time for short-
& hurried letters to my wife - This will
I hope catch you before you leave
home but if not I shall repeat
Viva voce. The latter part of our
trip has been on the whole very
enjoyable in spite of some slight
misadventures & one great
disappointment - I had from my
heart on having a day's botanizing
in the ripine region of the Northern
Cascade peaks - & for this your wife
& I were by way of San
Francisco - on which trip I was left
behind botanizing on the hill above
Astoria - but rejoined Foster next
day at Portland. I was led to suppose

that I should be able to reach 10000 or 11000
ft on Mt Rainier alias Tacoma with
little difficulty by the help of a human
railway that looks on the map to go very
near the foot of the big mountain - After a
very pleasant run to Puget Sound &
Victoria Vancouver where I spent 4 or 5 hours
I went (without Forster who has been
having twinges of gout) by the proposed
railway was told that there was no
trail from the farther station & dept
at Bonato & stopped at another called
Wilkeson - learned that one must go
through 20 m of forest before one could
even see the mountain. The only means
having two ponies away next day
Sunday is over - in short the
thing impracticable without much
more time than I could give -
Tell any friend with designs on that
mountain that he must allow
7 or 8 days from Portland - must
engage everything, needful for camping

out there is at Tacoma to see -
then a guide from the latter place
& will have to pay handsomely for the
trip. But I had time to follow the
trail some way into the forest & it
was well worth the expedition
The Douglas pine in that region quite
beats every other conifer excepting
the Sequoias and has over them
the advantage of generally running
up straight & tapering to the top
The Yellow & Sugar pines of the California
woods had delighted me but are quite
surpassed by the Douglas. Why is it
that in California the latter can grow
to half the size & in the Rocky Mountains
is quite a poor tree. The whole
journey from Portland here is very
interestingly suggestive a great contrast
to the line from Salt Lake City though
there is a little more of the same
& show what a difference in the